

General Statement.



LYOYOLA COLLEGE, is conducted by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. The educational system is substantially that of all other colleges of the Society. This system is elaborately set forth in the *Ratio Studiorum*, and deserves the attention of all earnest men, by the unparalleled success it has met with for centuries, in the Jesuit schools throughout Europe and America.

Education is understood by the Fathers of the Society in its completest sense as the full and harmonious development of all the faculties. It is not, therefore, mere instruction, nor communication of knowledge. In fact, the acquisition of knowledge, though it necessarily accompanies any right system, is a secondary result of education. Learning is the instrument of education not the outcome. Its outcome is culture, mental and moral, and such studies, sciences or languages, are chosen as will most effectively further this end. Hence the preference given to the classics over all other subjects, as the fittest instruments in this intellectual and moral growth. But this preference is not exclusive. The importance of mathematics, as an instrument of education, has not been underestimated. They have due recognition; and progress, as well as thoroughness, in this branch, is a requisite for promotion to a higher class

It is, however, to be remarked that though the educational trend of the present day is almost entirely in the direction of the natural sciences, the Jesuits have not allowed themselves to be influenced by this tendency, looking upon it as one dangerous to the best interests of education; and they, with all